

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Janssens *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/896,053

Filed: July 17, 1997

For: **Method of Inducing Vasodilation  
and Treating Pulmonary  
Hypertension Using Adenoviral-  
Mediated Transfer of the Nitric  
Oxide Synthase Gene**



Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Berkerleg, A.

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**Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from December 30, 1998 to March 30, 1999 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$870.00 for a three-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 24061. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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